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Dear Sirs -

I believe Microsoft to be guilty of actively and maliciously abusing its monopoly power in detriment to the market. After reading the proposed judgement, it appears that Microsoft's punishment consists of being told (yet again) that they must play fair and the rules for playing fair are stated in the settlement.

I in NO WAY how this is even appropriate to the crime of abusing their position in the marketplace, and the message that is sent to other companies is that they may act as predatory and illegally as they desire, with the result that they will be taken to court to only be reminded what it means to be a moral player in the marketplace. This is totally outrageous.

Microsoft has deliberately and continually followed this course of abuse of their position in the marketplace. The punishment should be swift and harsh and hit them in the appropriate place, the loss of their ability to continue abusing their position in some fashion or another appropriate to the scope of their violations, so that other players in the marketplace will not continue to be harmed to the detriment of their owners and stockholders.

Thank you,
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